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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 July 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 6-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This office action is in response to the amendment filed on 7/27/2007.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 6- are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nishikido et al. (US-2003/0058177 hereinafter, Nishikido) in view of Tay et al. (US-6,281,851 hereinafter, Tay).

Regarding claim 6, Nishikido teaches a portable wireless apparatus (Page 2 [0024]), comprising:

a conductor board (Fig. 8D [14])

a box shaped shield member (Fig. 8C [10 & 11] & Fig. 8D [14a]) having an electrical length about half that of said conductor board (Fig. 5 [10], Fig. 8D [10], Page 5 [0071] and [0077]) and having an opening at a top thereof to receive said conductor board therein so that said box-shaped shield member has an inside surface that faces a surface of said conductor board and a bottom of said conductor board is electrically connected to a bottom of said box-shaped shield member; (Fig. 8D and Page 5 [0079] through Page 6 [0081]) and

a feeding mechanism (Fig. 8C [4]) configured to supply power to around a center of said conductor and at the top of said box-shaped shield member. (Page 5 [0068])

Nishikido differs from the claimed invention by not explicitly reciting the conductor board includes at least a circuit board.

In an analogous art, Tay teaches an antenna system that includes a conductor board including at least a circuit board. (Fig. 1 [13]) At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to implement the portable wireless apparatus of Nishikido after modifying it to incorporate the conductor board including a circuit board of Tay. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this since it is well known that a circuit board can function as a conductor board. (Col. 3 lines 35-43)

Regarding claim 7, Nishikido in view of Tay teaches the electrical length of said box-shaped shield member corresponds to about a quarter wavelength of a radio wave transmitted by said portable wireless apparatus. (Nishikido Page 7 [0110] & Tay Col. 3 lines 53-61)

Regarding claim 8, Nishikido in view of Tay teaches said box-shaped shield member comprises a metal coating on an inside of a housing of said portable wireless apparatus. (Tay Fig. 2 & 3 [14])

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 6 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew C. Sams whose telephone number is (571)272-8099. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lester Kincaid can be reached on (571)272-7922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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